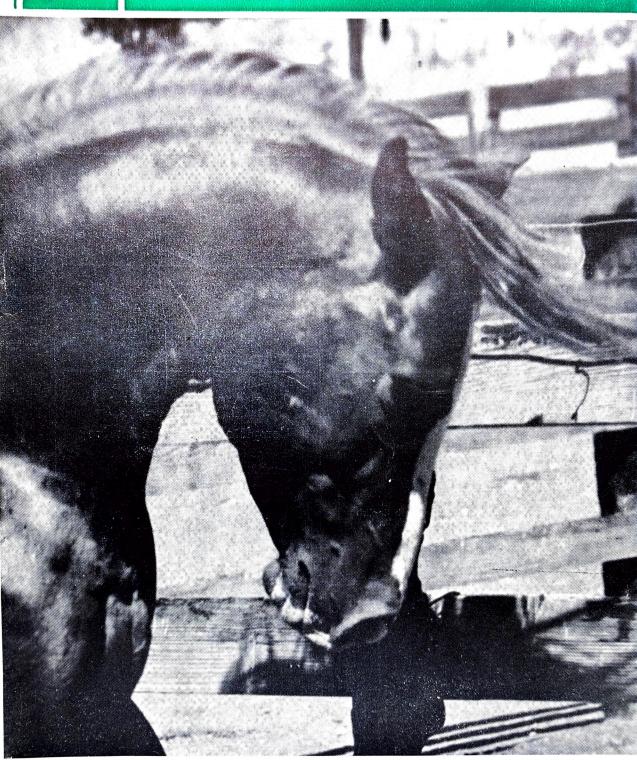


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JUNIOR NEWS

ACTIVITIES: Credit for the March open meeting goes to Howard Young, Activities Chairman. Plans for the spring dance to be held at the Montclair Women's Club on April 21, are nearly complete. All 1951 activity dates are established and include an overnight ride May 5, 6; George Daniels' Trail Ride and Field Day on May 30; the pre-horse show parade June 21, several open meetings and the annual dinner.

MEMBERSHIP: Sponsoring junior activity in the membership campaign, Gus Himmelman secured worthwhile awards for contestants. Donations to sponsor the campaign were made by the following: Trail Blazer \$30, Sidney Chown \$10, George Daniels \$10, Gus Himmelman \$10, Ralph Coffey \$10.

DIRECTOR OF JUNIOR ACTIVITIES: Jerald Hansen reports improving attendance at junior meetings, relay team practice, and preparation for junior drill team work.

CUSTODIAN OF MHA PROPERTIES: Joe Stern has collected many MHA properties but he wants to know where other items are hiding.

REMEMBER THESE DATES

March 16—St. Patrick's Day Dance — Lariettes; Big Bear Tavern.

March 31—Parade, Grand Opening Eden Recreation Center, Ashland. Contact Helen Rochi, Chairman, LU 1-8755.

April 8—Lari-ettes Horse Show at Miss Graham's Stables, Skyline and Redwood. Contact Margaret Rukavina, 13000 Skyline, TR 2-9911.

April 21 — METROPOLITAN HORSEMEN'S SPRING DANCE, Montclair Women's Club, 1650 Mountain Boulevard.

May 5-6 — METROPOLITAN HORSEMEN'S OVERNIGHT RIDE—Lake Anza.

May 19-20—Rowell's Rodeo—Hayward. Parade. Saturday, May 19.

May 30—METROPOLITAN HORSEMEN'S ANNUAL GEORGE DANIELS TRAIL RIDE AND FIELD DAY. Restricted to paid membership.

June 3—Horse Show—Oakland Mounted Police at Miss Graham's Stables.

June 21 — METROPOLITAN HORSEMEN'S PRE-HORSE SHOW PARADE (evening).
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Points for securing memberships are retroactive to January 1 and the contest will close in May just in time for the awards to be made at the Daniels' Day Trail Ride and Field Day.

JUNIOR MEETING

Attending the February meeting were: Kathy Corder, Carol Williams, Marion Parson, Mari-Jo and Sally Ann Mack, Marilyn Penprase, Dolores Dayas, Marjorie Tennant, Joan Chaplin, Rosalee Cox, Janet Phillips, Stanford Davis, Karma Van Valkenburg, Susan and Sandy Hooper, Ward Gallo, Bob McKinstry, Jack Miller, Barbara Isham, Bev Pettebone, and Esther Burger, guest.

Plans were made for a trail ride and lunch on February 10 and relay and drill practice on February 22. Pictures of the 1950 Palm Springs convention were shown by Alicia Coffey who with Jerald Hansen provided refreshments following the meeting.

Congratulations are in order for Gay George who placed third in the off-color pleasure class in the recent Mills College show; Walleen Grondona placed first and Walter Grondona second in equitation for 8 years and under.

A junior celebrity is Louise Heineman, now head yell leader at Castlemont. Her horse Rex, a bay, is on a ranch in Castro Valley.

How about some more juniors showing up at the meetings? Meetings are held on the second Saturday of the month, 1:00 o'clock, at Himmelman's clubhouse. Interesting programs are planned and the "eats" are worth trying.

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There are two new horses at the stables: Lindy MacDonald and Donald MacDonald, both saddlebreds belonging to Mrs. J. A. Miller. This totals six registered American Saddlebreds with Mr. Moore's Merlin MacDonald and the colt Rado, Miss Donzel Watson's Dodette's Denmark, and Miss Janet Phillips' Highland Supreme. This represents a splendid showing for a single breed in one stable.

Miss Cecil Moore, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley A. Moore is now a United Air Lines stewardess assigned to flights out of Oakland. Mr. Moore and the twins Joyce and Janet ride their horses regularly and Mr. Moore and Cecil are training their saddlebred colt, Rado.

PIEDMONT STABLES

A pat on the back to Jack Sherburne who after working all night comes out every morning to ride his horse, and to Curly Steen who rides every day, rain or shine. How about keeping a time card on this and challenging those faithful riders Buck Wilkinson and Arthur Denton at Skyline?

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PINTO RANCH

A few days of sunshine brought ideas of horse shows and Pinto hummed with grooming, training and exercising activities. Judy and Al White daily wielded the curry comb; Trumann Brown and daughters speeded up their training program; Frank Crass and Jack La Rose exercised their horses every evening, and it is rumored that Frank is getting a pair of chaps to outdazzle all chaps. Excellent progress is reported in the training of the three Tucson Tomboy quarterhorse colts.

ARLINGTON HILLS

An enthusiastic group gathered at the Arlington Hills Riding Club in El Cerrito at a meeting called by the Contra Costa County Sheriff's Office to prepare for civilian defense. Meetings are scheduled for every other Monday and training will be given by Allen A. Rhodes. On alternate Mondays classes in Judo instruction will be held at the Contra Costa County Junior College, building 3.

Planning to serve for patrol duty in the hills in the event of an emergency were representatives from the Contra Costa Rangers, Berkeley Hills Horsemen, San Pablo Horsemen, El Sobrante Riders, Contra Costa Sheriff's Posse, and others.

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Mrs. Studley's brown mare, Miss Chief, is ridden by her daughter, Mrs. Janet Hansen, with the Lari-ettes. Janet's four year old son Ricky also enjoys riding

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PROPOSED LEGISLATION

At the recent board meeting of the California State Horsemen's Association in Los Angeles, several Senate bills of inter-

est to horsemen were presented:

No. 498 and No. 499 would establish additional horse trails in northwestern California; No. 1069 would add to the already established roster of clubs permitted to have bars, a section giving this right to horsemen's clubs; No. 222 would make poling of horses a misdemeanor.

Due to conflicting events on the Fair Grounds, the Fresno convention dates have been changed to October 20-23.

MHA members who traveled south for the meeting included Regional Vice-President and Mrs. George Walling. Junior Past President and Mrs. Fred Anderson, Jack and Mary Richards.

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Captain Jim Myers is working hard to perfect a drill team second to none in the state while Mr. Vandenberg, drill master, hopes for weather favorable to trying out several new figures and formations.

LARI-ETTES

Well here it is—the Lari-ettes Second Annual Horse Show — April 8 — at Miss Graham's Riding Stables. Remembering the splendid show last year, the Lari-ettes look forward to a long list of entries which will be handled by Margaret Rukavina, 13400 Skyline Blvd., telephone TR 2-9911. Pat Linfoot will judge and there will be an associate judge. George Walling will announce.

Join the Lari-ettes at their St. Patrick's Day Dance at the Big Bear Tavern -March 16.

Missed at the Lari-ettes meetings, is Leta Vogel who has been ill for a long time. Best wishes for an early recovery are extended.

SHONGEHON

Twenty guests from the Oakland Naval Hospital attended the recent Shongehon Show in the Umbrella Ring at Cressmount on March 4. The "sailors on horseback" took part in a double bareback equitation class which included a jump.

Sponsoring lunch, were Mrs. Brandes and Mrs. Scott, while Dede Brandes, Joyce Williams, Peggy Day, and Pat Gorie acted as committee chairmen. Western classes were judged by Frank Parrish, English by Dick Decker. Bill Brandes did the announcing and Jerald Hansen acted as paddock clerk. Miss Cornelia Cress and Mary Lou Hansen directed the show.

Shongehon members this year include: Bonnie Bothwell, Dede Brandes, Ann Burnham, Nina Curley, Lynne Cuttle, Peggy Day, Katie Dewey, Jeffrey Hardin, Pat Hamilton, Helaine Jones, Happy Jordan, Jackie Pickler, Lynelle Powers, Marion Schutte, Janet Scott, Sandra Sheldon,

Susan Tucker, Joyce Williams.

AAHMES SHRINE RANGERS

Emmett Boger made his debut as Captain on February 10 in a pouring rain when the Mounted Patrol joined the American Red Cross in a parade up Broadway to the Blood Bank, where the men made blood donations. County horseman Wally Hulse provided the sound equipment.

Social events: Retiring Captain Floyd Jacobs gave a beautiful party at the Athens Club for the Mounted Patrol. Past Captain Fred Bemis was honored at a New Year's dinner at the Rancho San An-Veteran member Commander R. M. Robison was welcomed after a long absence.

Cathy (Mrs. Gerald) Jacobs was guest of honor at a baby shower arranged by wives and friends of the Patrol—and none too soon: a boy arrived on February 16th. (Cathy was MHA's horse show secretary last year.)

Colonel and Martha Adams are indeed proud of their new grandchild Patrice, daughter of Yvonne Wahrer.

Because it was his birthday, John Dell provided refreshments at the last meeting and the men hope this will become an established custom.

Jerry Jacobs has purchased a new pinto. Princess Snip, now being trained by Frank Parrish at the Diamond B.

FOOTPRINTERS MOUNTED UNIT

At a meeting held at Mel Coe's on February 5, Ed Martin and Jack Richards were elected representatives to the State Co-ordinating Committee on junior activities; Burton Thomas was elected a Director to CSHA, Ed Martin, delegate.

The first drill of the season was held on

February 18 at Skyline Ranch.

Ed Martin, amiable captain, has just purchased the B-S Ranch on Redwood Road and assisted by Ted Jahn and Dave Tallarico has begun remodelling operations. By April 1 the unit hopes to have their own clubhouse at the B-S.

The Annual Spring Round-up — stud class—will be held at the Lugori Club at 4799 Shattuck Avenue, Oakland. All members are cordially invited. A good time is promised and the cost is only \$1.50.

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